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For ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING INCREASED ABSORBENCY OF COMPLEX FLUIDS

February 12, 2004

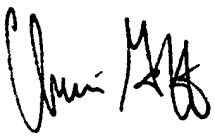
LETTER TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REGARDING INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,

SIR:

On January 13, 2004, applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement listing 33 references. Applicants, however, did not have a copy of one of these references (reference 33) available to submit with the Information Disclosure Statement at
* that time. Applicants now have obtained and have enclosed a copy of the missing reference with this letter.

Respectfully Submitted,



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